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Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with Plants
Inventors: BYRUM, Joseph R.
Atty. Docket: 38-21(15598)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the
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2. a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal (PTO/SB/29, in duplicate);
3. a Preliminary Amendment;
4. a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(b)(i);
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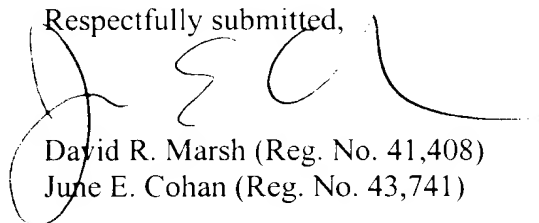
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Respectfully submitted,

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First Named Inventor	BYRUM, Joseph R.
Title	Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants
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